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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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18 March 1980

National Intelligence Officers

Major General E. R. Thompson  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
US Department of the Army  
Room 2E464  
The Pentagon

Dear Ed: [redacted]

To follow up on my telephone call of 17 March, I forward copies of recent action here towards promoting better collection and analysis within the Intelligence Community concerning Soviet armor-protection and Soviet armor-penetrant. [redacted]

Enclosure 1 is a copy of the paper entitled US Intelligence and Soviet Armor which has been the basic vehicle for the actions described below. Enclosure 2 is a copy of the DCI's letter of 13 March 1980 to General Meyer, which describes action taken per CSA's request, and asks for loan of an Army engineer/analyst for OSWR. [redacted]

Enclosure 3 consists of copies of the memoranda to the Chairman of the WSSIC and STIC, directing them to establish the new PCP. To launch the STIC effort, I will meet with the Committee on 20 March (Lt. Col. Hope will be present), and then accompany the Committee on a visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground (BRL) on 3 April. [redacted]

As [redacted] of your S&T division has no doubt reported, we were successful in designating Soviet armor and Soviet anti-tank weapons as "category 1" topics in the forthcoming Competing Analysis Guidelines, which will probably be published as a DCID. As I understand it, this action establishes these issues as ones to which all agencies of the Intelligence Community are expected to contribute. [redacted]

I understand that all the foregoing consist of organizational, not substantive progress. But I hope that we have thereby opened possibilities for the latter which have heretofore been denied the Army. If you can move adroitly within this new framework, we might eliminate some of the "bathtub phenomenon" of which you spoke to STIC. Knowing that people are central to any organization, I urge that you find a competent and energetic person--military or civilian, grade far less important than ability--to steer the PCP effort within OSWR for the next 6 to 12 months (time negotiable). [redacted]

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Please be assured that, wherever I am, I want to do my part in helping in any way I can. Please call on me. [redacted]

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National Intelligence Officer for General Purpose Forces

Enclosures:

- 1 - "Armor" Paper
- 2 - DCI's letter to CSA
- 3 - Memos to C/WSSIC and STIC

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So you are aware, [redacted]  
the NIO for General Purpose Forces,  
sent directly to ACSI for an  
armor officer which the Army is  
trying to come up with. I under-  
stand they have identified a person  
but he was tentatively identified  
for something else--thus, there is  
a little working out to do.

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